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OF THE TOWN OF

GROTON

NEW HAMPSHIRE

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of the
Town of Groton

for the
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1951

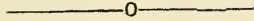
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Town Officers for 1951



Moderator	Agnes A. Lane
Town Clerk	Ileene A. Matthews
Selectmen	Frederick I. Taylor, Floyd H. Colby, Peter Lavoie
Road Agent	Perley Matthews
Snow Removal	Ernest E. Matthews
Treasurer	Ileene A. Matthews
Tax Collector	Annie M. Esty
Land Agents	Selectmen
Librarian	Agnes A. Lane
Police	Edgar Albert
Overseer of Poor	Edythe M. Newton
Health Officer	Frederick I. Taylor
Auditors	Flora Matthews, Violet G. Parris
School Board	Annie Esty, Flora Matthews Yvonne Stevens
School District Clerk and Treasurer .	Ileene Matthews
Trustee of Trust Funds	Frederick I. Taylor
Library Trustees	Flora Matthews, Violet G. Parris, Ileene A. Matthews
Surveyors of Wood, Lumber, Bark and Fence Viewers:	
	Floyd H. Colby, Lucien Parris
Janitor	Floyd H. Colby
Constable	Floyd H. Colby
Fire Warden	Ernest E. Matthews
Deputy Wardens	Floyd H. Colby, Carroll G. Matthews, Edgar J. Albert

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the Town of Groton in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at The Town House in said Groton on Tuesday, the eleventh day of March, next at nine of the clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.
3. To see if the Town will vote to give a discount of 3% on property taxes paid on or before August 1, 1952.
4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.
5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 50.00 for the Newfound Region Chamber of Commerce.
6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30.00 to mow the Town House yard and Rolfe Hill Cemetery.
7. To see if the Town will vote to establish a fixed salary for members of the Board of Selectmen, said salary to be \$200 yearly for the Chairman and \$100 yearly for each of the other two members.
8. To see what action the Town will take in regard to improving the North Cove area at Spectacle Pond, and to raise and appropriate a sum of money sufficient to pay for whatever action is taken.
9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to purchase one piece of motorized road equipment, type and make to be determined by the Selectmen, Road, and Snow Agents.

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money sufficient to purchase the equipment authorized in Article 9, such sums to be raised through the issuance of serial bonds or notes under and in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Bond Statute, and amendments thereto, and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such note and to determine the time and place of payment thereof, under such terms and conditions as they may deem to be in the best interests of the Town.

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2328.00 for State Aid Construction on the Cheever road.

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$195.62 for Town Road Aid, and the State will contribute \$ 1,304.15.

13. To see what action the Town will take regarding the offer of Mr. Andrus to repair or replace the present Town House.

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate sums of money sufficient for the remaining items in the budget as printed.

15. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 25th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-two.

F. I. TAYLOR,

F. H. COLBY,

Selectmen of Groton

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

F. I. TAYLOR,

F. H. COLBY,

Selectmen of Groton

**Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the En-
suing Year January 1, 1952 to December 31, 1952
Compared with Actual Revenues, and Expenditures
of the Previous Year January 1, to December 31, 1951**

Sources of Revenue	Actual 1951	Estimated 1952
From State:		
Interest and Dividend Tax	102.88	102.88
Savings Bank Tax	7.95	7.95
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal forest lands		32.60
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing Wood and Timber	1,234.49	1,373.89
For Fighting Forest Fires	10.00	50.00
From Local Sources Except Taxes:		
Dog Licenses	55.20	55.20
Interest Rec'd on Taxes, Deposits	79.95	60.00
Highway Dept., Rental of Equip.	421.00	500.00
Sale of Town Property	1,689.97	500.00
From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:		
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	246.46	200.00
Poll Taxes—Regular at \$2.00	102.00	100.00
Total Revenue from all Sources		
Except Porperty Taxes	3,949.90	2,982.51
Amt. to be Raised by Prop. Tax	11,347.54	12,698.78
Total Revenue		15,681.29

General Government :

Town Officers Salaries	611.05	1,000.00
Town Officers' Expenses	540.15	600.00
Election and Registration Exp.	78.80	200.00
Expenses Town Buildings	83.87	100.00

Protection of Persons and Property:

Police Department	10.00	20.00
Fire Department	20.00	300.00

Health:

Health Department, inc. Hospitals	119.60	25.00
Vital Statistics		5.00

Highways and Bridges:

Town Maintenance, —Summer	2,776.32	2,000.00
Town Maintenance, —Winter	1,385.71	1,750.00
General Exp. of Highway Dept.	139.75	300.00
Town Road Aid	195.65	195.62
Library	150.00	200.00

Public Welfare:

Town Poor	58.33	50.00
Old Age Assistance	677.73	700.00

Public Service Enterprises:

Cemeteries	7.20	30.00
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Unclassified:

Advertising and Regional Associations	50.00
Taxes bought by town	379.88

Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:

Taxes paid to County	1,168.67
Payments to School District	5,785.48
(1950 tax \$35.62, 1951 tax 5,687.886, '47 dog tax \$62.)	
Total Payments for all Purposes	\$ 14,241.44
Cash on hand December 31, 1951	5,667.24
Grand Total	\$ 19,908.68

SUMMARY OF INVENTORY

Lands and Buildings	\$ 192,670.00
Electric Plants	195,250.00
Horses, 16	1,480.00
Cows, 21	2,580.00
Other Neat Stock, 2	170.00
Fowls, 560	690.00
Wood, Lumber, etc.	1,250.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks, 2	130.00
Stock in Trade	1,000.00
Mills and Machinery	1,500.00
Total Valuation	396,720.00
Less Soldiers' Exemptions	8,050.00
Net Valuation on Which	

Tax Rate is Computed	\$ 388,670.00
Number of inventories distributed	158
Number of inventories returned	83
No. of veterans who rec'd property exemption ..	11
No. of veterans exempted from poll tax	12

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CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Frederick I. Taylor,
Floyd H. Colby,
Peter Lavoie,

August 13, 1951

.. Selectmen of Groton

**COMPARATIVE
OF APPROPRIATIONS**

Fiscal Year Ending

Title of Appropriation	Appropriation
	Total Available
Town Officers' Salaries	\$.1,000.00
Town Officers' Expenses	600.00
Election and Registration	100.00
Town Hall Expense	75.00
Police Department	20.00
Fire Department	300.00
Health Department	125.00
Vital Statistics	5.00
Town Maintenance, Summer	2,000.00
Town Maintenance, Winter	1,750.00
Town Road Aid	195.65
Special Appropriation, Road Equipment	500.00
General Expenses of Highway Department ..	200.00
Library	150.00
Town Poor	50.00
Old Age Assistance	700.00
Cemeteries	30.00
Damages and Legal Expenses	50.00
Advertising and Regional Associations	50.00
Interest on Temporary Loans	10.00
State Aid Construction	1,167.00
County Tax	865.81
Payments to School District	5,687.86
Totals	\$ 15,631.32

STATEMENT

AND EXPENDITURES

December 31, 1951

	Balance	
Expenditures	Unexpended	Overdraft
\$ 611.05	388.95	
540.15	59.85	
' 78.80	21.20	
83.87		8.87
10.00	10.00	
20.00	280.00	
119.60	5.40	
	5.00	
2,600.93		600.93
1,385.71	364.29	
195.65		
175.39	324.61	
139.75	60.25	
150.00		
58.33		8.33
677.73	22.27	
7.20	22.80	
	50.00	
50.00		
	10.00	
1,167.00		
1,168.67		302.86
5,687.86		
14,927.69	1,624.62	920.99
Net Unexpended Balance over Overdrafts \$ 703.63		

APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

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Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,000.00
Town Officers' Expenses	600.00
Election and Registration Expenses	100.00
Town Hall	75.00
Police Department	20.00
Fire Department	300.00
Health Department	25.00
Hospitals	100.00
Vital Statistics	5.00
State Aid Construction	1,167.00
Town Road Aid	195.65
Town Maintenance	4,250.00
General Expenses of Highway Dept.	200.00
Libraries	150.00
Old Age Assistance	700.00
Town Poor	50.00
Cemeteries	30.00
Damages and Legal Expenses	50.00
Advertising and Regional Assoc.	50.00
Interest	10.00
County Tax	1,168.67
School Tax	5,687.86
Total Town and School Appropriations	\$ 15,934.18

Less Estimated Revenues and Credits:

Interest and Dividend Tax	102.88
Savings Bank Tax	9.58
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal Lands	32.60
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing Wood and Timber	1,373.88
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	200.00
Dog Licenses	45.60
Rent of Town Property	500.00
Interest Received on Taxes	60.00
Sale of Tax Deeded Property	800.00
Cash Surplus	1,500.00

Total Revenues and Credits	4,624.54
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	11,309.64
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Plus Overlay	468.46
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Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation	11,778.10
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Less 59 Poll Taxes at \$2.00	118.00
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Amount to be Raised on Which

Tax Rate is Figured	\$ 11,660.10
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Taxes to be Committed to Collector:

Property Taxes	11,660.10
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Poll Taxes at \$2.00	118.00
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Total Taxes to be Committed	\$ 11,778.10
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Tax Rate \$3.00

FINANCIAL REPORT

Town of Groton

Assets

Cash:	
In hands of Treasurer	\$ 5,667.24
Capital Reserve Fund:	
For Post War Project	572.08
Accounts Due to Town:	
Due from State::	
Joint Highway Construction Account	10,318.00
Bounties	13.25
Loss of Taxes on Public Forest Lands	32.60
Unredeemed Taxes:	
Levy of 1950	382.79
Levy of 1949	416.95
Uncollected Taxes:	
Levy of 1951	1,567.63
Levy of 1950	2.00
Levy of 1949	9.10
Previous years	14.40
State Head Taxes—Levy of 1951	95.00
Total Assets	\$ 19,091.04
Net Surplus, December 31, 1950	5,757.68
Net Surplus, December 31, 1951	6,024.96
Increase of Surplus	267.28

Town of Groton

Liabilities

Accounts Owed by the Town:	
Due to State:	
Uncollected	95.00
Collected—not remitted to State Treas.	243.50
	338.50

State and Town Joint Highway Construction Account:	
Unexpended balance in State Treasury	10,318.00
Unexpended balance in Town Treasury	1,837.50
Capital Reserve Funds	572.08
Total Liabilities	\$ 13,006.08
Excess of assets over liabilities (Surplus)	6,024.96
Grand Total	\$ 19,091.04

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Town of Groton	Receipts
Current Revenue:	
From Local Taxes:	
Property Taxes—Current year	\$ 9,827.21
Poll Taxes—Current year—Regular @ \$2	66.00
Yield Taxes	224.83
State Head Taxes @ \$5	240.00
Total Current Year's Taxes Collected	10,358.04
Property and Yield Taxes—Previous years	1,384.38
Poll Taxes—Previous years—Regular @ \$2	36.00
Interest received on Taxes	79.95
Penalties on State Head Taxes	3.50
Tax sales redeemed	291.00
From State:	
Plowing roads	421.00
Interest and dividend tax	102.88
Savings Bank Tax	7.95
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of	
Growing Wood and Timber	1,234.49
Fighting Forest Fires	10.00
Bounties	11.25
1951 Head Tax Warrant	1.40

From Local Sources Except Taxes:

Dog licenses	55.20
Rent of Town Property	6.00
Registration of motor vehicles, 1950 permits	1.91
Registration of motor vehicles, 1951 permits	244.55

Receipts Other Than Current Revenue:

Refunds	100.00
Sale of town property	1,689.97
Royalty—Valencia	124.96

Total Receipts from all Sources	\$	16,164.43
Cash on hand January 1, 1951		3,744.25
Grand Total	\$	19,908.68

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Town of Groton**Payments****CURRENT MAINTENANCE EXPENSES****General Government:**

Town Officers' Salaries	\$	611.05
Town Officers' Expenses		540.15
Election and registration expenses		78.80
Expenses town hall and other buildings		83.87

Protection of Persons and Property:

Police Department	10.00
Fire department, inc. forest fires	20.00
Bounties	3.25

Health:

Health department, inc. hospitals	119.60
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Highways and Bridges:

Town Road Aid	195.65
Town maintenance—Summer	2,776.32
Town maintenance—Winter	1,385.71
General Expenses of Highway Dept.	139.75

Library:		
Library maintenance		150.00
Public Welfare:		
Old age assistance		677.73
Town poor		58.33
Public Service Enterprises:		
Cemeteries		7.20
Unclassified:		
Damages and Legal Expenses		50.00
Advertising and Regional Assn:	50.00	50.00
Interest:		
On Temporary Loans		10.00
Highways and Bridges:		
State Aid Construction,		
Town Share		2,328.00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:		
County Taxes	1,168.67	1,168.67
School Taxes	5,687.86	4,599.00
Total Expenditures	13,760.69	15,681.29

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SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, Land and Buildings	\$	1,200.00
Furniture and Equipment		200.00
Library, Land and Buildings		1,000.00
Furniture and Equipment		1,500.00
Fire Department equipment		100.00
Highway Department, Lands and Buildings		1,000.00
Equipment		4,500.00
Schools Land and Building		2,200.00
Equipment		1,000.00
Lands and Buildings Acquired Thru Collector's Deeds:		
Tax acquired property		12,608.00
Total	\$	25,308.00

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Auto permit fees collected	\$	246.46
Dog taxes collected	\$ 60.00	
Less clerk's fees	4.80	
		55.20

Paid to Treasurer \$ 301.66
 Respectfully Submitted, ILEENE A. MATTHEWS,
 No fires were reported for the year 1951.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**Summary of Warrant—Levy of 1951****Debits**

Taxes Committed to Collector:		
Property Taxes	\$	11,660.10
Poll Taxes		118.00
Total Warrant		11,778.10
Yield Tax		329.96
Added Taxes:		
Poll Tax		2.00
Interest		.32
Total Debits		12,110.38

Credits

Remittances to Treasurer:		
Property Taxes	\$	9,827.21
Poll Taxes		66.00
Yield Taxes		224.83
Interest		.32
Discount		270.19
Abatements		154.20
Uncollected Taxes:		
Property Taxes		1,420.50
Poll Taxes		42.00
Yield Taxes		105.13
Total Credits		12,110.38

Summary of Warrant—Levy of 1950**Debits**

Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1951:

Property Taxes	\$	1,526.40
Poll Taxes		44.00
Interest		72.27
Total Debits		1,642.67

Credits

Remittances to Treasurer:

Property Taxes	1,358.40
Poll Taxes	36.00
Interest	72.27
Abatements	174.00

Uncollected Taxes:

Poll Tax	2.00
Total Credits	1,642.67

Summary of Warrant—Levy of 1949**Debits**

Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1951:

Property Taxes	\$	7.20
Poll Taxes		6.00
Total Debits		13.20

Credits

Abatements	4.10
Uncollected Taxes	9.10
Total Credits	13.20

Summary of Warrant—Levy of 1948**Debits**

Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1951	\$	20.99
Total Debits		20.99

Credits

Remittances to Treasurer:	\$	4.13
Abatements		10.94
Uncollected Taxes		5.92
Total Credits		20.99

Summary of Warrant—Levy of 1947**Debits**

Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1951	\$	11.00
Total Debits		11.00

Credits

Remittances to Treasurer		9.00
Uncollected Taxes		2.00
Total Credits		11.00

Summary of Warrant—Levy of 1946**Debits**

Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1951	\$	9.60
Total Debits		9.60

Credits

Remittances to Treasurer		4.80
Uncollected Taxes		4.80
Total Credits		9.60

Summary of Warrant—Levy of 1945**Debits**

Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1951	\$	8.05
Total Debits		8.05

Credits

Remittances to Treasurer	8.05
Total Credits	8.05

Summary of Warrant—Levy of 1944**Debits**

Uncollected Taxes as of anuary 1, 1951	\$ 1.68
Total Debits	1.68

Credits

Uncollected Taxes	1.68
Total Credits	1.68

Summary of Warrant—Levy of 1943

Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1951	\$ 25.80
Total Debits	25.80

Credits

Abatements	25.80
Total Credits	25.80

Summary of Warrant—Levy of 1942**Debits**

Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1951	13.86
Total Debits	13.86

Credits

Abatements	13.86
Total Credits	13.86

Summary of Warrant—Levy of 1941**Debits**

Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1951	\$ 11.21
Total Debits	11.21

Credits

Abatements	11.21
Total Credits	11.21

Summary of Warrant—Levy of 1940**Debits**

Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1951 \$	2.00
Total Debits	2.00

Credits

Abatement	2.00
Total Credits	2.00

Summary of Warrant—Levy of 1939**Debits**

Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1951	2.00
Total Debits	2.00

Credits

Abatement	2.00
Total Credits	2.00

State Head Tax

Summary of Warrant—Levy of 1951

Debits

State Head Taxes Committed to Collector:		
Original Warrant	\$	350.00
Added Taxes		5.00
Total Commitment		355.00
Penalties Collected		3.50
Total Debits		358.50

Credits

Remittances to Treasurer	240.00
Penalties	3.50
Abatements	20.00
Uncollected	95.00
Total Credits	358.50

Summary of Tax Sales Accounts December 31, 1951

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Debits

	Tax Sale on Account of Levy of:		
	1950	1949	1948
Balance of Unredeemed			
Taxes, Jan. 1, 1951	\$ 443.79	500.00	279.94
Interest Collected after sale		1.79	33.14
Total Debits	443.79	501.79	313.08

Credits

Remittances to Treasurer	10.03	24.42	256.55
Deeds	50.97	60.42	59.53
Unredeemed Taxes	382.79	416.79	
Total Credits	443.79	501.79	313.08

ANNIE M. ESTY, Collector of Taxes

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts

Annie M. Esty, Collector:

1945 Property Tax	\$	8.05
Interest		2.94
1946 Property Tax		4.80
Interest		1.47
1947 Property Tax		9.00
Interest		2.21
1948 Property Tax		4.13
Interest		.74
Taxes bought by Town		361.80
Interest		18.08
Head Taxes		240.00
Penalty		3.50
Yield Tax		224.83
Taxes redeemed		291.00
1950 Polls		36.00
1950 Property Tax		996.60
Interest		54.19
1951 Polls		66.00
1951 Property Tax		9,827.21
Interest		.32

State of New Hampshire:

Plowing roads	421.00
Bal. due on tax lost by T. tax	190.57
State share gen. fire prevention	10.00
Interest and Dividend tax	102.00
Bounties	11.25
70 head taxes @ 2 ¢	1.40
Savings Bank Tax	7.95
Reimbursement on yield tax loss	1,043.92

Roy Craig, Sale of land	150.93
Horace Patterson, Purchase of Hitchcock place	107.04
Harry Hikel, Purchase of Crosby place	200.00
Donald Esty, Purchase of Fletcher mine	500.00
Draper Corp., Purchase Welcome Smith lot	412.00
Kenneth Jones, Pur. pt. Tenny pl., mining rts.	300.00
T. G. Tarr, Pur. mining rts. Warren Elliott pl.	20.00
School District, refund on overpayment	100.00
William D. Wood, royalty on Valencia mine	124.96
Ernest Matthews, Warden, rent of town truck	6.00
Town Clerk, Auto permit fees	246.46
Town Clerk, Dog tax	55.20
Total	16,164.43
Cash on hand January 1, 1951	3,744.25
Total	19,908.68
Less Selectmen's orders paid	14,241.44
Balance	5,667.24

Respectfully Submitted,

ILEENE A. MATTHEWS,

Treasurer.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Town Officers' Salaries:

Violet Parris, Auditor	\$ 16.80
Flora Matthews, Auditor	17.20
F. I. Taylor, Selectman	195.00
Floyd Colby, Selectman	62.10
Peter Lovoie, Selectman (1950)	49.05
Peter Lavoie, Selectman (1951)	45.90
Annie M. Esty, Tax Collector	100.00
Ileene Matthews, Clerk and Treasurer	100.00
Edythe M. Newton, Overseer of Poor	25.00
Total	611.05

Town Officers' Expenses:

Violet Parris, Auditor	\$ 6.00
F. I. Taylor, Selectman	31.04
Floyd Colby, Selectman	3.00
Annie M. Esty, Tax Collector	64.61
Ileene Matthews, Auto permit fees	34.50
Association of N. H. Assessors, dues	2.00
John C. Ray, Town Officers bonds	40.50
Enterprise Press, Printing	25.00
Sargent Bros., Tax Forms	9.50
N. H. Tax Collectors' Ass'n., dues	3.00
City and Town Clerks' Ass'n., dues	2.00
Burroughs Adding Machine Co., New adding machine	121.50
F. J. Shores, Register, recording deeds	1.18
F. J. Shores, Register, transfers	9.21
F. J. Shores, Register, tax sales fees	17.00
F. J. Shores, Register, mortgage search	17.00

Brown and Saltmarsh, supplies	16.11
Samuel G. Hall, spotting Hebron—Groton line	40.00
U. S. Auto and Truck Guide, 1951	6.00
The Colby Press, Town reports and ballots	91.00
Total	540.15

Election and Registration:

Edythe M. Newton, Supervisor	22.00
Lillian Colby, Supervisor	22.00
E. E. Matthews, Supervisor	22.00
Flora Matthews, Ballot Clerk	6.40
Annie M. Esty, Ballot Clerk	6.40
Total	78.30

Miscellaneous Bills:

Groton School Dist., 1951-2 Appropriation	5,687.86
" " " 1949-50 "	35.62
" " " 1947 Dog Tax	62.00
Harry S. Huckins, Treas. County Tax	1,168.67
State of N. H., Town Road Aid	195.65
Annie M. Esty, Col., Taxes bought by Town	379.88
Newfound C. of C., 1951 Appro.	50.00
C. G. Matthews, Mowing Town Hall yard and cemetery	17.20
State of N. H. Old Age Assistance	677.73
E. C. McClellan, Groceries, Town Poor	58.33
Flora Matthews, Treas., 1951 Library Appro.	150.00
Barnard's Garage, Truck repair and tires	139.75
Sceva Speare Memorial Hosp., 1951 Appro.	100.00
F. I. Taylor, Health Officer	19.60
F. H. Colby, Bounties	3.25
E. E. Matthews, Fire Warden	20.00

Edgar Albert, Police Officer	10.00
N. H. Electric Corp., Town Hall electricity	24.00
F. I. Taylor, Roofing paper for Town Hall	3.75
H. J. Follansbee Co., Supplies for Town Hall	18.12
F. H. Colby, Labor on Town Hall	14.40
E. E. Matthews, Labor on Town Hall	3.60
F. H. Colby, Janitor Salary	10.00
Total	8,849.41

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ROAD AGENTS REPORT

South End Road—Supervision of Perley Matthews:

Perley Matthews, Labor	\$ 178.00
Perley Mathews, Truck	88.00
E. E. Matthews, Labor	120.60
E. E. Matthews, Team	5.40
C. G. Matthews, Labor	10.80
C. G. Matthews, Tractor	39.00
Louis Albert, Labor	61.20
Merlin McCloud, Tractor	14.00
Vernon Matthews, Labor	11.70
John Wood, Labor	18.00
John Wood, Tractor	12.00
Edgar McClellan, Labor	107.10
Edgar McClellan, Gasoline	54.44
E. E. Mathews Jr., Labor	5.40
Norris Smith, Labor	6.30
Harold Matthews, Labor	44.10
Harold Matthews, Team	44.10

Peter Lavoie, Labor	72.00
F. H. Colby, Labor	32.40
Frank Matthews, Labor	3.60
Perley Matthews, Gravel	3.30
Town of Plymouth, Cold patch	36.00
Ralph Miles, Hardware	10.70
R. S. Yeaton, Planks	46.05
C. H. Tarr, Moving tractor	5.00
Rand's Bolts	2.56
John C. Ray, Truck Insurance	13.62
Total	1,045.37

North End Roads—Supervision of Perley Matthews

Perley Matthews, Labor	\$ 274.00
Perley Matthews, Truck	75.00
E. E. Matthews, Labor	155.70
Louis Albert, Labor	151.20
Carl Bowles, Labor	77.18
Carl Bowles, Team	47.70
John Wood, Labor	9.90
C. G. Matthews, Labor	16.20
C. G. Matthews, Tractor	63.00
Vernon Matthews, Labor	36.90
Paul Adams, Labor	54.00
Edgar McClellan, Labor	171.90
Edgar McClellan, Gasoline	144.89
E. E. Matthews, Jr. Labor	36.00
D. Matthews, Labor	7.20
Frank Matthews, Labor	36.00
C. H. Tarr, Moving tractor	5.00
C. H. Tarr, Labor	31.60
C. H. Tarr, Team	31.60
F. H. Colby, Labor	37.40
Ed Houle, Dynamite and caps	2.10
Rand's, Scythe, snath	7.05

A. Ashley, Gravel	30.50
W. Merrill, Sand	4.40
Lester Coffin, Welding	1.40
R. S. Yeaton, Planks	34.12
John C. Ray, Truck insurance	13.62
Total	\$ 1,555.56

Snow Removal—Supervision of E. E. Matthews:

E. E. Matthews, Labor	\$ 588.51
F. H. Colby, Labor	396.50
F. H. Colby, Car hire	1.00
F. E. Matthews, Labor	5.40
Edgar McClellan, Gasoline	226.62
D. M. Bestick, Gasoline	8.72
Edgar McClellan, Car hire	5.00
Jones Auto Co., Axle	16.15
P. D. Townsend, Gasoline	4.45
Follansbee's, Hardware	2.92
Proctor Welding Shop, Welding	4.50
Barnard's Garage, Repairs and chains	98.46
E. E. Matthews, Telephone	.25
John C. Ray, Truck insurance	27.23
Total	1,385.71

SPECIAL APPROPRIATION—Road Equipment

F. H. Colby, Labor on Tractor	\$ 24.30
F. H. Colby, Car to Campton	3.00
E. E. Matthews, Labor on Tractor	24.30
Town of Campton, Water pump	15.00
Deming Oil Co., Oil and grease	22.39
Barnard's Garage Tractor parts	6.40
M. E. McLoud, Tractor hire	80.00
Total	175.39

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

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Resources

Books owned January 1, 1951	1886
Books added during the year	28
Bookmobile	69
State Reports	
Magazines	

Services

Volumns of fiction lent	137
Volumns of non-fiction lent	42
Volumns of non-fiction lent	212
Magazines	138
Total circulation	529
New borrowers	23
Regular borrowers	16
School Children	200

Librarian's Cash Statement

Amount on hand December 31, 1950	\$	14.74
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Expenses

Postage	.36
Scotch tape	.25
Books	6.40
Total	7.01
Balance on hand December 31, 1951	7.73

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF GROTON, FISCAL YEAR ENDED DEC. 31, 1951

DATE OF CREATION	TRUST FUNDS PURPOSE OF CREATION All trust funds should be reported separately giving name of fund and donor	HOW INVESTED State character and rate of return for each investment State also if funds were borrowed or used for city or town purposes and indicate whether notes have been used as required by Chapter 51, Section 23, Revised Laws	AMOUNT OF PRINCIPAL	Rate of Int.	Balance of Income on hand at Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance of Income on Hand at end of Year
George W. Hall Fund	George W. Hall	Dep. Plymouth Savings Bank	\$ 26.00	2%	\$ 26.48	1.30		27.78
Care of Hall lot in Union Cem'ty.	George W. Hall	U. S. Savings Bond F Series	74.00					
Cyrus Blood Fund	Cyrus Blood	Dep. Plymouth Savings Bank	13.00	2%	11.54	.60		12.14
Care of lot in Rolfe Hill Cemetery	Cyrus Blood	U. S. Savings Bond F Series	37.00					
Town of Groton Fund for Post War Project		Dep. Plymouth Savings Bank	485.27	2%	72.86	13.95		86.81
		Totals	\$635.27		110.88	15.85		126.73

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief. Frederick I. Taylor, Trustee
January 17, 1952

LIBRARY TREASURER'S REPORT

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Receipts

From January 1, 1951 to January 1, 1952

Cash on hand	\$	19.65
Selectmen		150.00
Gift—Miss Warner		10.00
Total		179.65

Payments

Agnes Lane, Librarian's salary	\$	32.00
Zelma Watts, Asst. Librarian's salary		69.00
Dorothy Place, Janitor's salary		7.50
N. H. Cooperative, Lights		24.00
Insurance		7.00
Follansbee, Stove pipe		3.25
Flora Matthews, Leather, Postage, Splitting wood		7.48
Zelma Watts, Mowing lawn		2.00
Harold Watts, Fixing lawn mower		3.50
Sears, Roebuck & Co., Webbing		2.90
Books		15.00
Check book		2.00
Total Payments		174.63
Cash on hand		5.02
Total		179.65

From Local Sources Except Taxes:

OFFICIAL REPORTS

Groton School District



Year Ending June 30, 1951

GROTON SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL DIRECTORY

District Officers

Mrs. Agnes A. Lane Moderator
 Mrs. Ileene A. Matthews Treasurer
 Mrs. Ileene A. Matthews Clerk
 Mrs. Violet Parris Auditor

School Board

Mrs. Flora Matthews Term expires 1952
 Mrs. Yvonne Stevens .. Term expires 1953
 Mrs. Annie Esty .. Term expires 1954

Teacher

Mrs. Ida Sirrine

Superintendent of Schools

C. Maurice Gray

School Nurse

Mrs. Anna Lovett, R. N.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF SCHOOL TREASURER

For Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1951

Summary

Cash on hand June 30, 1950	\$ 230.66
Received from Selectmen, appropriation	4,620.06
Rec'd from Sel'men, bal. prev. appro.	35.62
Received from all other sources	62.00
Total Receipts	4,717.68
Total Amount Available for fiscal year	4,948.34
Less School Board orders paid	4,750.49
Balance on hand as of June 30, 1951	\$ 197.85
July 5, 1951	Heene A. Matthews, Treas.

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CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief. The accounts are kept in accordance with Section 24 of Chapter 82 of the revised Laws of New Hampshire 1942 and upon forms prescribed by the State Tax Commission.

FLORA MATTHEWS,
ANNIE ESTY,
YVONNE STEVENS,

School Board

SCHOOL BOARD'S REPORT

Receipts

Received from Selectmen, Appropriation	\$ 4,620.06
" " " Bal. Prev. "	35.62
" " " 1947 dog tax	62.00
Total Receipts	4,717.68
Cash on hand as of June 30, 1950	230.66
Grand Total	\$ 4,948.34

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Salaries of District Officers:

Annie M. Esty, school board and census	35.00
Flora Matthews, school board	30.00
Yvonne Stevens, school board	30.00
Ileene Mathews, school clerk	30.00
Violet Parris, auditor	5.20

130.20

Superintendent's Salary:

Supervisory Union No. 4	137.27
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Per Capita Tax:

Treasurer State of New Hampshire	38.00
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Expenses of Administration:

Supervisory Union No. 4, clerk's salary	58.32
First National Bank, Bristol, service charge	3.65
Yvonne Stevens, expenses	2.60
Annie Esty, expenses	5.19
Flora Braley, transportation to union meetings	5.50
Flora Matthews, expenses	3.95

Ileene Matthews, postage	.09
N. H. School Boards Association, dues	3.00

 82.30
Teacher's Salary:

Ida Sirrine	1,533.38
Collector of Internal Revenue	87.40
N. H. Teachers Retirement System	98.55

 1,719.33
Text Books:

Houghton Mifflin Co.	12.62
Laidlaw Brothers	2.01
American Book Company	2.59
Universal Book & Bible House	4.99
Brown & Saltmarsh, Inc.	6.00
University of Penn. Press	1.88
Ginn and Company	9.54
Grafton School District	.30

 39.93
Scholars' Supplies:

Houghlin Mifflin Company	.86
Cardigan Sport Store	1.25
Cascade Paper Co.	29 12
Geyers Pharmacy	1.83
Scott, Foresman & Co.	1.11
Bristol School District	3.74

 37.91
Other Expenses of Instruction:

The Record Print	3.50
Supervisory Union No. 4	2.15
J. L. Hammett Co.	1.24

 6.89

Janitor Service:

Ida Sirrine	10.00
Dorothy Place	90.00
	100.00

Fuel:

Arthur Corneau, slabwood	12.00
Carroll Matthews, sawing wood	18.00
	30.00

Water, Light and Janitor Supplies:

Masury-Young Co., floor oil	10.24
Edward E. Babb Co., chemicals	7.93
Floyd Colby, cleaning toilets	4.00
Greenwood Plumbing Co., supplies	2.31
Groton Village Store, supplies	.99
H. J. Follansbee Co., supplies	2.64
Ida Sirrine, supplies	.64
White River Paper Co., supplies	9.50
N. H. Electric Cooperative, electricity	24.00
	62.25

Minor Repairs and Expenses:

Lena Matthews, cleaning	15.60
Harold Watts, labor and materials	161.51
Frank B. Wells Co., cement	9.90
	187.01

Medical Inspection:

N. H. Teachers' Retirement System	3.45
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Transportation of Pupils:

Cynthia White	900.00
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High School Tuition:

Plymouth School District	860.00
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Other Special Activities:

Cynthia White, transportation to Plymouth	3.36
Anna Lovett, transportation to Plymouth	3.36
Edgar McClellan, gas and oil for class trip	8.35
Flora Matthews, expenses for class trip	8.25
	23.32

Retirement:

N. H. Teachers' Retirement System	79.31
Supervisory Union No. 4, Supt's. retirement	7.57
	86.88

Insurance:

John C. Ray, insurance and treasurer's bond	78.50
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New Equipment:

Cardigan Sport Store, playground equipment	127.25
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Overpayment:

Town of Groton, refund of overpayment	100.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 4,750.49

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1952-1953

Term Opens

Term Closes

September 2 November 26—12:30
 December 1 December 19—regular session
 January 5, 1953 February 20, 1953
 March 2, 1953 April 24, 1953
 May 4, 1953 Completion 180 days

Days out: One day for Plymouth Fair, Nov. 27, 28
 single session on November 26.

Total number of days required by State Board is 180
 including three for institutes and conventions, and up
 to five for workshops.

Pupils may enter the first grade provided they are six
 before January 1. Vaccination is required by state
 law unless child has written excuse from doctor.

Enrollment by Grades

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Totals
1950-51	1	1	1	3	0	3	0	2	11
1951-52 ^{dec.}	1	2	1	1	3	0	3	0	11

District Totals

	Av. Att'd.	Av. Abs	Av. Memb.	% Att'd.
1950-51	10.5	.5	10.9	95.2
1951-51 Dec.	10.5	.5	11	95.3

Tuition Pupils

Plymouth High School	Rate \$227.00
Floyd Colby, Jr.	Grade 9
Teresa Latulippe	Grade 10
June White	Grade 10
Pauline White	Grade 12
Dorchester Elementary School	\$ 3.00
Norma Waldron	Grade 4

COMPARATIVE SCHOOL BUDGETS

EXPENDITURES	Expend- itures 1950-1951	Adopted Budget 1951-1952.	Estimated Expend- itures for 1951-1952.	Estimated Budget for 1952-1953
Administration:				
Salaries of District Officers	\$ 130.20	135.00	135.00	150.00
Supt.'s salary (local share)	137.27	122.66	122.66	134.85
Tax, State wide Supervision	38.00	36.00	36.00	32.00
Salaries of Adm. Personnel	46.52	46.20	46.20	51.15
Supplies and Expenses	37.78	60.00	60.00	65.00
Instruction:				
Teachers salary	1719.33	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
Books and Other Aids	69.05	40.00	40.00	40.00
Scholars Supplies	8.79	35.00	35.00	35.00
Supplies and Other Expenses	6.89	10.00	10.00	10.00
Operation of School Plant:				
Salary of janitor	100.00	100.00	25.00	25.00
Fuel or heat	32.31	115.00	115.00	115.00
Water, light and supplies	59.94	60.00	60.00	70.00
Maintenance School Plt.:				
Repairs and replacements	187.01	50.00	50.00	50.00
Auxiliary Activities:				
Health Supervision	3.45	60.00	60.00	60.00
Transportation	900.00	1250.00	940.00	900.00
Tuition, High	860.00	1125.00	1150.00	1000.00
Tuition, Elementary		100.00	100.00	100.00
Special Activities	23.32	10.00	10.00	25.00
Fixed Charges:				
Teachers Retirement	86.88	122.00	122.00	125.00
Insurance, bonds, etc.	78.50	11.00	11.00	11.00
Capital Outlay:				
Additions and Improvements				
CONTINGENCY FUND			365.00	
TOTAL CURRENT EXPENSES	4523.24	5287.86	5292.86	4799.00
New Equipment (Capital Outlay)	127.25	400.00	395.00	
Overpayment Refunded	100.00			
Total Expenditures	4750.49	5687.86	5687.86	4799.00

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

The past year has been marked by the biggest material gains for a long time. Canaan has built and is now occupying a 10 room elementary school, Bristol's memorial school is now nearing completion and several other milestones have been passed. Hebron completely rebuilt its school adding a heating room and now has one of the best, if not the best rural school in the state. Groton added automatic oil to its school, Bridgewater completed the furnace room, insulated, and painted and the other towns did significant amounts of maintenance. A great deal of repair and maintenance work has been done in the past five years and systematic programming of work should be continued. This may be done in some districts on a lower per year cost but it is questionable economy over a period of years to do nothing and then try to "catch up" for the years past. This may work well only in case such work is done on the down swing of an economic cycle but the chances seem just as good that they might have to be done on the reverse swing with inflated prices. A moderate amount of money on a yearly basis should now keep most of our buildings in good repair.

Our most successful workshop of the four was held this year on "Improving Reading". The teachers through their own members organized this, secured the speakers, and in general planned and executed the

whole thing, a very fine achievement. After experimenting with various times of the year the Labor Day week was selected and proved a fine choice. Efforts will be made in the future to hold workshops during that week if possible. It is not a good week to obtain speakers but otherwise seems perfect. There will be no workshop next year since we all feel that we need a year to consolidate what gains we have made and to work continuously on reading and related problems. For once Union No. 4 seems to be in front of a modern swing in educational circles back to more of the fundamentals. However, we should not feel too elated over this since we are in the fore only because we've never had the time or money to be greatly concerned with educational frills and it may be more truthful to say that the parade has made the cycle and finds us on its return trip! In spite of all modern theories and practices if we can keep classes small enough and staffed well enough so that we do not lose sight of the individual child and do the best we can for him in school and out we will not err too much and our pupils will have a solid basic education".

This "reporter" believes in trying to keep well informed and to keep others with whom he works well informed. To overlook the fact that we do not live by ourselves alone and that we are in a highly competitive society would be disastrous to our children. Potentially excellent teachers, and even some of fine experience, are being drawn away from teaching by better paying positions either in the semi-skilled or skilled trades. Just one instance will show this. During the past week a representative of the federal government was in a high school looking for typists to start at over \$2700.00. We have 19 teachers, most of several years of experience, getting \$2300 or less!

A small chart showing comparative salaries for the current year follows:

	Male	Female	Male	Female
Elementary	Elementary	Secondary	Secondary	
State				
Average	\$2807	2737	3391	3092
Union No.4	2750	2225	3233	2633

Beginning teachers with degrees are being placed at \$2400 or more and it is being rumored that the asking price this year will be \$2500 or \$2600.

The new State Aid distribution of funds made a good start towards reducing the spread in tax rates for education. It would have done more if the formula had been covered with the necessary funds. How much it did to improve education would be a highly debatable point since in this area the money was used to reduce the tax levy. As long as great uncertainty continues to exist on formulas, amounts, etc. it will be used in this respect. It would be naive to urge a couple of school districts to expand either its program or its plant promising that "state aid" would help pay the bill. This is being pointed out here merely to forestall critics who may ask to see the "improvements" made by these funds; in this area they reduced the tax rate. The tax rate would have been reduced still more had the \$2,000,000 been voted. Expressing it another way would be to say that failure to vote the \$2,000,000 increased the tax assessments and those who howl against sales or other taxes are blind to the fact that the legislature did not save the tax payer money in refusing to vote the \$2,000,000; it merely passed the educational tax bill back to the local property owner who directly paid more than he would otherwise. The next table shows the nine towns in this area and how they compare with one another and with the state average.

District	Adjusted		Resident Pupils		Cost of Foundation Program	17 Mill Local Fair Share	Aid Prorated at 54%	School Tax Rate on Adjusted Valuation
	1950 Adjusted Valuation	Valuation Per Pupil 1950-51	1950-51 Elem.	Sec.				
Alexandria	\$ 785,385	11,124	54.1	16.5	13,180.00	13,351.55		18.26
Bridgewater	1,146,245	24,013	25.7	8.0	6,297.50	19,486.17		8.15
Bristol	3,835,379	14,803	186.7	72.4	48,962.50	65,201.44		22.05
Canaan	2,082,898	7,746	221.9	47.0	49,407.50	35,409.27	7,564.52	21.93
Danbury	676,141	6,421	78.0	27.3	19,792.50	11,494.40	4,484.22	21.62
Grafton	792,402	9,389	66.4	18.0	15,670.00	13,470.83	1,188.41	20.88
Groton	514,460	32,154	12.0	4.0	3,000.00	8,745.82		11.05
Hebron	795,752	55,261	10.4	4.0	2,720.00	13,527.78		7.18
Orange	202,853	10,906	15.7	2.9	3,400.00	3,448.50		20.86

Several things should be noted in the above chart. 1) Adjusted valuations vary from \$6,421 per pupil in Danbury to \$55,261 in Hebron: 2) Bristol has the highest school tax rate with \$22.05 and Hebron the lowest with \$7.18, with Bridgewater not far behind with \$8.15. The state median of \$19.99 should be noted here. 3) Alexandria and Orange just miss qualifying for aid; they would qualify with a few more pupils provided the percentage of increase were greater than the average for the state. 4) The spread between the cost of the foundation program and the 17 mill share shows that Bristol would need many

more resident pupils to qualify, that Groton, Hebron and Bridgewater will probably never qualify on this basis. These towns will receive aid from the state only when so called general aid becomes available i.e. a blanket amount per pupil without using mileage or anything else.

The installation of the automatic oil burner last summer was a very fine addition to the school and has been working satisfactorily. As yet we do not know the fuel cost for this burner but should it prove high it may be necessary to insulate the ceiling. Where this has been done the cost of oil has proven not more expensive than wood and in some years it has been less.

Now that we have oil heat the cost of maintaining flush toilets would be that much less. The big unknown here is the cost of an adequate supply of water. This supply need not be too large but should be pure and available at all times of the year including any possible drought. Any figure for this will at the best be a guess, and if it should come close to the actual figure someone will be lucky. The State Board of Health leans a bit to a shallow well because the matter of possible pollution is easier to control if necessary to do so than would be the case in an artesian well. Each district must solve this problem for itself since no two seem to be much alike. The maintenance of flush toilets would certainly be less than that of our present ones, and much more satisfactory.

Respectfully Submitted,

C. MAURICE GRAY, Supt.

VITAL STATISTICS

MARRIAGES

In Groton, N. H., May 26, 1951, by Rev. Walter P. Brockway, Lyman Earle Winn to Bernice Haley Adams, both of Haverhill, Mass.

In Bristol, N. H., December 24, 1951, by Rev. Ethel L. Matthews, Lewis Joseph Albert of Groton, N. H., son of Edward P. Albert and M. Elsie Albert, of Groton, N. H., to Helen Louise Ordway, of Danbury, N. H., daughter of Clarence A. Ordway and Elizabeth P. Ordway, of Danbury, N. H.

I hereby certify that the above records are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

ILEENE A. MATTHEWS, Town Clerk

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Groton of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1951 and find them correct in all respects.

July 13, 1951.

Violet G. Parris, Auditor

